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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

25X1 FROM : [REDACTED]  
Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Presidential Finding Briefing of Senate  
Foreign Relations Committee, 21 June 1978

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Action Requested: Your approval of the attached  
witness list.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Background: You are scheduled to brief the  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the 7 June 1978  
Presidential Finding at 3:30 p.m. on 21 June 1978, in Room S 116,  
The Capitol.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] The last covert action briefing given the  
Committee occurred on 28 November 1977 and covered the  
Presidential Findings [REDACTED] 25X1  
respectively.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Senators John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.) and  
Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.), who are the only Members scheduled  
to attend the briefing, are nearing the end of their Senate  
careers. Senator Sparkman served in the House from 1937 to  
1946 and in the Senate since 1946. He will retire at the end  
of this year. Senator Case was elected to the Senate in 1955,  
served since then, but was upset for reelection earlier this  
month in the New Jersey primaries.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] clearance matter may well  
come up because he works for Senator Case. The Committee  
25X1 notified us that [REDACTED] was going to be reinstated on  
12 June 1978, and asked that we notify the Committee in the  
event we had any problems with this action. The letter which  
we have proposed for you to sign states that [REDACTED] compartmented  
clearances will be suspended until possible criminal prosecution  
charges against him are settled. It also requests the Chairman's  
25X1 assurances that [REDACTED] will not have access to compartmented

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information while the clearances are suspended. You also indicate you will be willing, once the matter of prosecution is settled, to review a request for reinstatement of his clearances, but that a favorable disposition of the criminal charges will not necessarily result in his clearances being reinstated.

25X1 6. ☐ Forwarded herewith, for your use in briefing the Committee, is a book which contains an opening statement, a copy of the Finding and backup papers on all of the programs covered by the Finding. As you know, this Finding supercedes all prior Findings signed by the President pursuant to Section 662 and, in addition, incorporates some new programs.

25X1 7. ☐ In all previous covert action briefings of this Committee, the Finding has been placed on the record and all details of each of the programs have been discussed off the record. I believe that procedure should again be followed if the Committee has no objection. Therefore, to save time, I suggest you submit a copy of the Finding for inclusion in the record and then go off the record and read the statement.

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Attachment:  
As stated

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Briefing of  
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, 21 June 1978  
3:30 p.m.  
S 116, The Capitol  
Presidential Finding

John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.) Chairman  
Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.)

WITNESS LIST

Stansfield Turner

Director of Central Intelligence

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